

From DA Blodgett...

I am pleased to extend this invitation to our 11th Annual School Safety Conference. My aim in hosting these annual meetings is to encourage a collaborative approach to addressing the many facets of "school safety." For those of us who work with school-aged children, we know that there are many layers in establishing a safe school.

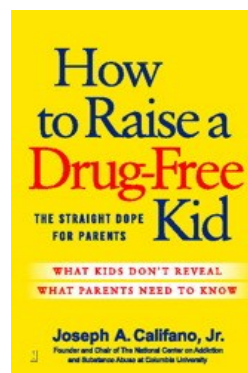
This year's topic is not new. We have all devoted much time and energy to reducing drug and alcohol use by minors. While national surveys show that alcohol and some drug use among teens and young adults is declining (with the notable exception of marijuana), most American school children will be offered a drink or a drug before they graduate. Too many lives have been cut short by drug overdose or personal potential limited by addiction. We also know that young people who use drugs and alcohol are more likely to have lower academic performance, be involved in criminal activity and become addicted.

For these reasons, we must rededicate ourselves to prevention efforts and demanding better treatment options for young people. I hope you will join us for an engaging and informative conference.

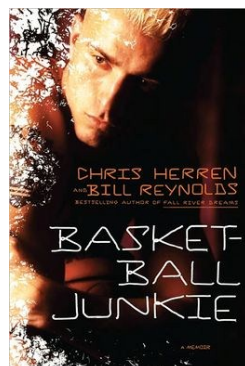
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Who Should Attend This Conference?
Legislators, law enforcement, school officials,
and other interested professionals.

Conference participants will receive copies of
Joseph Califano's *How to Raise A Drug-Free Kid*



And Chris Herren's
Basketball Junkie

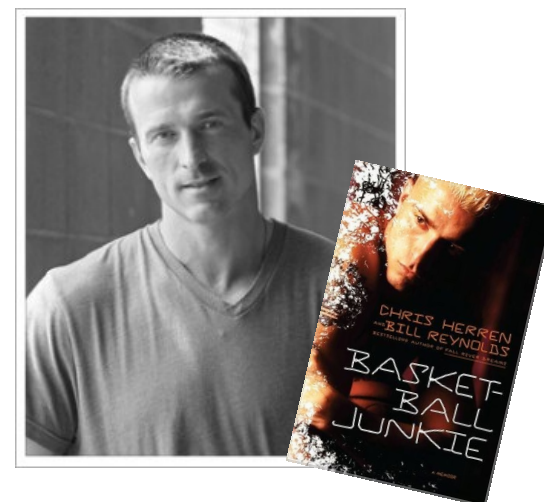


For further information please contact Ruth Budelmann
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Teen Substance Use & Abuse: Research, Reality and Response

11th Annual Essex County School Safety Conference

Featuring Chris Herren -
Former Boston Celtic and
Author of *Basketball Junkie*



Thursday, April 11, 2013
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Doubletree Hotel, Danvers, MA

Sponsored by:
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Speakers

Chris Herren Former Boston Celtic



Chris Herren scored 2,073 career points while at Durfee High School in Fall River, Massachusetts, earning many accolades including being named to the McDonald's All-American team in 1994. Recruited by the top Division I

programs in the country, Herren chose Boston College, only to break his wrist during his first collegiate game. Sidelined by his injury, he failed several drug tests and left BC. He went on to play for Fresno State and legendary coach Jerry Tarkanian where he led the nation in assists and steals. He was drafted in the 2nd round of the 1999 NBA Draft by the Denver Nuggets. After one season in Denver, he was traded to the Boston Celtics in 2000. There he had a career-high 18 points against Dallas, only to suffer a season-ending injury. He played around the world after being released from the Celtics while struggling with substance abuse.

Alcohol and drug-free since August 1, 2008, Herren has refocused his life to put his sobriety and family first. His memoir, *Basketball Junkie*, was released in May 2011 which chronicles his struggles with addiction.

He is the founder of The Herren Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing assistance to families affected by addiction.

Emily Feinstein, Esq.

Project Director
National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University

Emily Feinstein is a health policy specialist with experience working in government, think tank, academic and private-industry settings. Recent activities include serving as project manager for the studies, *Adolescent Substance Use: America's #1 Public Health Problem* and the *National Survey of American Attitudes on Substance Abuse XVII: Teens*, and working to improve the quality of and access to addiction treatment in the U.S.

Ms. Feinstein received her J.D. from NYU School of Law and her B.A. in biomedical ethics from Brown University.



John J. Arvanitis Special Agent in Charge New England Field Division U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

John J. Arvanitis has served at the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for 26 years. He has worked in the Miami, Atlanta and Detroit Field Offices and in the Washington, D.C. Headquarters. In November 2012, Mr. Arvanitis was named Special Agent in Charge of the New England Field Division. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University in Boston, MA.



Registration

The \$40.00 registration fee will include a continental breakfast, lunch and 2 books: *Basketball Junkie* by Chris Herren and *How to Raise a Drug-Free Kid: The Straight Dope for Parents* by Joseph Califano.

All participants will receive a certificate for 5.0 contact hours.

Space is limited and the conference could fill up prior to the registration deadline.

Registration deadline is March 20, 2013

Name: _____

Organization: _____

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